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SUBJECT; POSSIBLE CANDIDATE (CHARLES BEDARD) FOR SYG

REF; MONTREAL 1425

FROM USREP ICAO

1. USREP DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTINUING PUSH BEDARD IS MAKING IN CONNECTION WITH PRESIDENCY/SYG VACANCIES. HE HAS NO AVIATION BACKGROUND, NO ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUND AND HAS MADE NO EFFORT TO ACQUIRE EITHER ONE DURING HIS TWO YEARS ON ICAO COUNCIL. HE IS MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS/ CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER -- A PUBLIC RELATIONS MAN. HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF QUEBECOIS, ENTIRELY FRENCH ORIENTED. THE CLOSE US/CANADIAN WORKING RELATIONS ON COUNCIL CAME TO AN ABRUPT END WHEN HE APPEARED ON SCENE (AS REPORTED LIMDIS SPRING 1975) AND HE HAS MADE LITTLE EFFORT TO CONCEAL THE FACT THAT HE CONSIDERS HIS CLOSEST COLLEAGUE TO BE THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE. HIS INEPT HANDLING OF GOC POSITION ON CRUCIAL VOTES ON MAJOR ISSUES ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS ALMOST LOST THE VOTE. HE SELDOM READS WORKING PAPERS (ACCORDING TO THOSE WHO KNOW, HE NEVER DOES) AND HAS DEDICATED HIMSELF TO ORGANIZING THE COUNCIL'S SOCIAL PROGRAM. HE IS PUBLICITY SEEKING FOR HIMSELF AND WOULD IF GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY GREATLY INCREASE THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE OF ICAO AND PLACE EMPHASIS ON PUBLICIZING IT RATHER THAN ADMINISTERING IT SOUNDLY. (REF; DILLON/ HOYT MEMORANDUM MARCH 25, 1975.)

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2. BEDARD REQUESTED THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP CONDITIONS OF SERVICE LAST YEAR AND FORTHRIGHTLY TOLD USREP AND OTHERS THAT HE DID SO IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AS MANY BENEFITS AS POSSIBLE FOR THE 80 PERCENT CANADIANS IN THE SECRETARIAT.
3. COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE FRANK ABOUT HIS DISINTEREST IN ICAO'S WORK BUT MANY HAVE BEEN WON OVER PERSONALLY BY HIS CONTINUOUS PROGRAM FOR THEM; (VISITS TO OTTAWA, TO TORONTO, TO VANCOUVER) AND HIS WIFE'S HEAVY SOCIAL SCHEDULE. RUMOR HAS IT THAT HE AND/OR HIS WIFE ARE PERSONAL FRIENDS OF THE PRIME MINISTER.
4. GIVEN A WELL QUALIFIED COMPETITIVE CANDIDATE, COUNCIL WOULD NOT ELECT BEDARD BUT IF HE FILES EARLY AND STRONGLY AND HAS LITTLE OR NO COMPETITION HE COULD BE ELECTED. SUCH AN OUTCOME WOULD BE DISASTROUS FOR ICAO AND A SERIOUS SETBACK TO US INTERESTS. (IN SPITE OF STRONG CONTROL THAT MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT BE EXERCISED BY THE NEW COUNCIL PRESIDENT-- ALSO FRENCH SPEAKING).
5. US MUST ASSUME SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOCATING WELL QUALIFIED CANDIDATE WHO CAN FILE EARLY WITH STRONG SUPPORT IN ORDER TO SIDE-TRACK THIS DEVELOPMENT. HARPER

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